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CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTORY

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In the Argonne region, where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks past, it has been the Germans' turn to make a little progress as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance in upper Alsace.

On the whole the situation seems virtually to have reached a position of stalemate. Neither side has been able to make any great impression on their antagonist's line, and both being very strongly entrenched, it is considered unlikely that either the Germans or allies will attempt another general offensive until superiority in numbers is attained by reinforcements.

Much the same situation prevails in northern Poland, where the Germans are reported to have found it impossible to get across the Bzura and Rawka rivers and have been equally unsuccessful in advancing along the Pilsa river. They are said to be digging themselves in preparatory to remaining until the hardening of the ground by frost makes the movements of troops less difficult.

The growth of the British army is shown by an army order issued to night constituting six armies of three corps each. Thus several generals who commanded army corps at the beginning of the war, now find themselves at the heads of armies.

The close of the fifth month of the war finds Germany still in occupation of virtually the whole of Belgium, an important tract of French territory in the western theatre of war and a considerable slice of Russian Poland along the eastern battle front, a thousand miles away. It would appear, nevertheless, that Germany, for the present at least, is unable to make further headway.

British commentators today call attention to the fact that the initiative for the moment seems to be in the hands of the allies, and the German public utterances to the effect that Germany is waging a defensive war to save her country from invasion is accepted here as an indirect admission that to battle on two fronts a thousand miles apart, has caused an unanticipated strain on even the great resources of the empire.

There are, however, no illusions in London as to the difficulties confronting the allies. It is recognized that the task of recovering the territory seized by Germany is little less formidable than the undertaking of Germany when she found herself engaged in warfare against a multiplicity of enemies. Hence the postponement of the allied offensive on a grand scale until such time as the allies are able to put more men in the field.

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feeling the strength of its opposing lines. General Joffre is for the moment exerting his greatest pressure on the extremities of the long front extending from the channel to Alsace.

The large armies now training in England will be ready to throw across the channel soon, as a more rapid development movement is considered desirable.

BILL MURRAY WOULD CREATE NEW DISTRICT

BILL IN CONGRESS WOULD PUT
CHICKASAW AND CHOCTAW
NATIONS IN ONE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

Much interest is being manifested here in the bill introduced in congress by William H. Murray, which provides for the division of the federal eastern district of Oklahoma and places the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in a new district to be known as the southern district. In case the bill becomes a law a new federal judge will be appointed, also a new marshal, a new clerk, a new referee in bankruptcy and other officers of the court.

Terms of federal court will be held at McAlester and Durant in the Choctaw nation and at Ardmore and Chickasaw in the Chickasaw nation. The town which will be made headquarters will depend upon the action of the judge after appointment and each of the court towns will, of course, be very active, in order to have one of its lawyers appointed to the bench.

An attorney was discussing the matter here yesterday. He said the people of these two nations should get behind the measure and try to push it through. Clients and lawyers have to go a distance of 200 miles to court, they must make a trip of this distance to attend to the smallest matters at times. Such a thing as a court being located so far away from the people it serves belongs to the dim distant past, and in these modern times such a thing is unknown in other states. This attorney would also have this court clothed with authority to pass upon the removal of restrictions and to allow appeals to be made direct to the supreme court of the United States.

In case the law is enacted, Ardmore will make an effort to locate headquarters in this city. The federal court and other federal headquarters has made Muskogee the city it is today, and Ardmore would like to have such an opportunity placed before it.

Doing Good Business

J. M. Chandler, Frisco superintendent at Francis, was here yesterday. He says his road has an increase in business, and his people are full of hopes for the future.

His Cards Are Out.

D. W. Butcher has his cards out announcing his candidacy for the office of Chief of Police for the City of Ardmore. Mr. Butcher will make an active campaign for the office and will be loyally supported by his friends.

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JOHN R. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY,
AND T. M. MILLER, CHIEF
CLERK, RESIGN. WARMLY CON-
GRATULATED ON WORK DONE.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 2.—On the occasion of the meeting this week of the state school land commissioners—which will probably be the last meeting of the commissioners under this administration—the resignations of John R. Williams, secretary, and T. M. Miller, chief clerk, were tendered and accepted with a vote of thanks for faithful services. Warm words of commendation and expressions of approval were spoken by Governor Bruce, chairman of the board. The governor said, speaking for himself, that he regards Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller as honest, efficient and patriotic officials. He said that the interests of the state have been ably attended to by them in the offices which they vacate and that their service has been faithful and loyal. A resolution thanking Mr. Williams and Mr. Miller will be framed by a committee and spread upon the records of the office.

Secretary of state Benjamin F. Harrison moved that each employee of the school land office be given a letter signed by the president of the commission, testifying to their capable and faithful services to the state during the term of their employment. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

But One Member Remains.

These matters are significant, in view of the fact that the school land administration has been the principal object of criticism during recent months of the passing administration and it seems to be destined to a rather general renovation at the hands of the incoming administration. But one man who is a member of the present commission will be a member of the incoming board. That is state superintendent Wilson.

At the meeting this week George Smith of Chandler, who is slated to be secretary of the incoming commission, was in attendance and observed the proceedings with interest. Mr. Smith will succeed Mr. Williams Jan. 11, when the new administration shall take office.

Among the matters disposed of by the board, was one of the loans in Roger Mills County, which were among the causes for the recent investigation of the school land office by the local grand jury and by the state examiner and inspector. This loan is for \$2,500. The board ordered it reduced to \$1,000, that sum being the amount two appraisers who have recently examined the security state it is good for.

Approves Oil Lease

The board approved the oil lease of a section on Red River in Jefferson county, according to the terms of the bid received the other day on a basis of 12½ per cent royalty. It rejected the bid for a lease on the school land section in Lincoln county that is about two miles from the Paden well.

The application of lessees in the Cimarron river bed for modification of the terms of their leases was again tendered and no action was taken. These leases are for heavy royalties, some of them being as much as 60 per cent. With the market for oil demoralized, the lessees can not make the development on these terms. In this connection the commission has received a letter from D. H. Linebaugh, U. S. attorney for the eastern district of Oklahoma, in which he says, if development is not begun and prosecuted at an early day he will ask the federal court for an order canceling the leases, the title to the river bed being in litigation between the state and the federal government and the oil being drained by adjoining leases.

Santa Fe Surgeon.

For twenty-five years Dr. T. S. Booth has been surgeon for the Santa Fe company here and has received his appointment again for another year. Dr. Booth is a pioneer physician and surgeon of the city. He keeps abreast with the times in his profession, and has always been one of Ardmore's leading surgeons.

Court in Session.

Attorneys have been advised by District Judge A. Eddleman that he would be here all during this week and would be ready to hear any cases that are brought before him. The court was busy during the greater portion of the day yesterday.

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Ill of Pneumonia.

Everett Buckholts, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Buckholts, who reside between Ardmore and Lone Grove, is very sick of pneumonia. The little sufferer is six years of age.

The Asphalt Industry.

Joe Williford and family were here yesterday from Woodford. Mr. Williford is firmly convinced that when transportation is provided the asphalt industry will be worth more to Carter county than its deposits of oil. He says the distance from a railway and the bad roads makes it impossible to do mining of asphalt at a profit.

Electrical Engineer Here.

H. E. Musson, electrical engineer in charge of the telephone, gas and electrical department of the office of the state corporation commission was here yesterday and spent the day here. He made a trip to the different plants in the city, and was in conference with City Attorney L. R. Mason and other officials.

Represents Carter County.

Kelly Brown and his family have gone to Oklahoma City, where they will remain for sixty days. After that time Mr. Brown will be back in his office here, where he is a member of the law firm of Brown, Brown & Brown. Mr. Brown will represent Carter county in the Fifth legislature.

Holiday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Murdock entertained a few friends December 31 with their annual holiday dinner. The dinner was not given on Christmas day for the reason that Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dunlap have that day for their dinner.

Guests present at the Murdock dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dunlap and little son, Erret, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Boyd, J. S. Bowman and Miss Goldie Bowman.

The turkey dressed for the occasion weighed sixteen pounds, it was well cooked, and with it were all the accessories, such as fruit, pies, cake and pudding. The dinner is a fixed annual feast, and the guests this year said it was the best prepared dinner ever given—and Mrs. Murdock prepared it herself. She can not only write insurance, but is a very efficient cook as well.

Annual New Year Reception.

The annual New Year reception was held Friday night at the Presbyterian annex. Dr. Weith was host to his church members and regular attendants. There were many of them present. All formalities were laid aside, and the people spent two hours, each one showing the other a good time. Light refreshments were served.

Annual Banquet Monday.

The Oklahoma Life Underwriters' association will hold its annual banquet at the Lee-Huckins hotel in Oklahoma City tomorrow night. Mrs. L. N. Murdock of this city, who represents the National Life of Vermont, is a member of the association, and she will be present at the banquet.

Too Wet to Plow.

Robert F. Scivally came in from his ranch near Springer Friday evening. He says rains have been so plentiful that the land is too wet for the plow in his section of the county. Farmers are ready to start the plow for the 1915 crop just as soon as plowing can be done.

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